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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report -- May 1956

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 31 May was [REDACTED] 25X1A

2. The draft of Division personnel for project [REDACTED] was concluded in May. A total of [REDACTED] Russian and four German linguists were supplied to this project.

3. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at Clandestine Services Review Course No. 12 on 22 May.

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[REDACTED] were reassigned by [REDACTED] after TDY in the USSR Branch. 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] who is pending reassignment from [REDACTED] was moved from TDY assignment in USSR Branch, FDD, to TDY in Contact Division. 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] is on indefinite TDY in Western World Branch from WE/DD/P.

5. An Intensive Polish Reading Class started on 7 May with seven students, including one from ORR.

25X1A Three persons completed the NSA Chinese Course on 18 May.

Two advanced trainees began a full-time Chinese Reading Class under [REDACTED]

25X1A [REDACTED] completed six months of instructing in Chinese at ORR.

6. On 23 May, 19 FDD personnel received a one-hour briefing on guided missiles by OSI and ORR representatives.

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OPERATIONS

1. The 70th and 71st meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 4 and 18 May. The review of the Communist Far East program was completed. The review of the Free World program was begun and will be continued at the next meeting on 1 June.

2. On 7 May the Division initiated a Linguist Service in "L" Building. [REDACTED] was assigned to handle this new Division outpost. 25X1A

3. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 97 cases of duplication totaling 3,179 pages.

4. Commendations: 25X1A

25X1A From Soviet Orbit Staff/Office of Policy and Programs, USIA, for the valuable series of scheduled reports "Development of Political Attitudes [REDACTED] prepared by [REDACTED]"

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25X1A From Chief, Requirements Branch, OCI, for FDD Summaries No. 949 "Development of CPSU and Communist Parties of Union Republics, 1952-1956" and No. 950 "Council of Elders of Supreme Soviet USSR, 1938-1956" prepared by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively. 25X1A

5. Liaison activities (other than CIA):

Department of the Army 25X1A

With Mr. Richard Bauer, ACSI, to make arrangements for FDD to receive weekly from the [REDACTED] lists of translations in process. Copies of unpublished translations by this office will be forwarded to FDD for coordination.

U.S. Information Agency

With Soviet Orbit Staff/Office of Policy and Programs, Mr. Morris Watnick, to discuss program guidance on the FDD scheduled report on political attitudes [REDACTED]

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6. Special services rendered:

DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, reverse translation of 22 pages, English to Spanish.

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25X1A Department of the Navy -- For ONI, performed reverse translation of 15 pages English to [REDACTED] and 16 pages English to [REDACTED]

25X1A 7. Significant reports:

[REDACTED] Soviet Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic 25X1A
(3) (Collation from over [REDACTED] sources on most recently reported Soviet activities and research in the polar regions)

25X1A FDD Summary No. 885 -- Semiannual Report on Education in the USSR (4) (Statistics on graduate degrees at scientific research institutions and higher military educational institutes 1945-1955; collation from over [REDACTED] sources)

25X1A FDD Summary No. 900 -- Scientific Information Report (1)
(Initial consolidated report on Soviet science with emphasis on [REDACTED])

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on
FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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